

I HAVE NO QUESTIONS FOR GOD

"AND THE PUBLICAN, STANDING AFAR OFF, WOULD NOT LIFT UP SO MUCH AS HIS EYES UNTO HEAVEN, BUT SMOTE UPON HIS BREAST, SAYING, GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER" (LUKE 18:13)

I recently saw a church sign in town that said: "Come hear the questions you always wanted to ask God". Whenever I see things like this my response is two-fold. First, I get a sick feeling in my heart and then a feeling of indignation that the things of God are regarded so glibly in modern religion.

When I saw this particular sign, I immediately thought, "I have no questions for God, but I have a plea to the Lord, my God." It is this: "Give me grace to submit to you and your providence; faith to believe you, and a heart not to complain." [AMEN!]— **DONNIE BELL**

FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY

"...LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER TO PROVOKE UNTO LOVE AND TO GOOD WORKS: NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS; BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER: AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING" (HEBREWS 10:24-25)

I have never known a man, who for whatever reason, absented himself from the public worship of God, who did not sooner or later bring sorrow upon himself and upon his family. Blessed are the people who find their place within the temple of Thy grace. — **SCOTT RICHARDSON**

CALENDAR 2019 / 2020

UP COMING EVENTS

Fellowship Luncheon January 5th
(At the parsonage)
Grace Conference Feb 21, 22, 23
Donnie Bell, Don Fortner

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us
Useless Kinds of Religion, J.C. Ryle
Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart
Prodigal Blessing Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham
"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."
librero.iglesiadegracia.us
Artículos de Gracia 2018, Joseph D Murphy
Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover
Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and "Come and see" / Si el Señor quiere, "Ven y ve"

...unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (ISAIAH 9:6)



WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an *imperfect* church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the *perfect* gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" **JOSEPH D MURPHY**, PASTOR
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Sunday, 10 AM
1 TIMOTHY
ENGLISH

Sunday, 11 AM
PSALMS
ENGLISH

Domingo, 6 PM
ROMANOS
ESPAÑOL

Wednesday, 7 PM
1 CORINTHIANS
ENGLISH

SERVICE TIMES

ENGLISH

Bible Classes Sun, 10 AM
Worship Service Sun, 11 AM
Bible Study Wed, 7 PM

ESPAÑOL

Servicio de Adoración Dom, 6 PM

AUDIO PODCASTS

AVAILABLE ON ITUNES AND GOOGLE PLAY

Purposed Grace Sermons
Purposed Grace Articles

DISPONIBLE EN ITUNES Y GOOGLE PLAY

Propósito y Gracia, Sermones
Propósito y Gracia, Artículos

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER / GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE

RECENT PODCASTS

RECENT SERMONS

God is the judge (PSALM 75)
Is Christ divided (1 CORINTHIANS 1:9-18)
The Wrath of man... (PSALM 76)

SERMONES RECIENTES

Justificado por Fe (ROM 3:24)
Cristo vino para salvar... (1 TIM 1:15)
Nacimiento Nuevo (JUAN 3:7)

DIRECTIONS

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



NO SUPERSTITIOUS REGARD FOR TIMES AND SEASONS

“BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECEIT, AFTER THE TRADITION OF MEN, AFTER THE RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD, AND NOT AFTER CHRIST” (COLOSSIANS 2:8)

We have no superstitious regard for times and seasons. Certainly we do not believe in the present ecclesiastical arrangement called Christmas: first, because we do not believe in the mass at all, but abhor it, whether it be said or sung in Latin or in English; and, secondly, because we find no Scriptural warrant whatever for observing any day as the birth day of the Saviour; and, consequently, its observance is a superstition, because [it's] not of divine authority ... Probably, the fact is that the holy days were arranged to fit in with heathen festivals. We venture to assert, that if there be any day in the year, of which we may be pretty sure that it was not the day on which the Saviour was born, it is the twenty-fifth of December. Nevertheless, since, the current of men's thoughts is led this way just now, and I see no evil in the current itself ... I shall neither justify nor condemn, by endeavoring to lead your thoughts in the same direction. Since it is lawful, and even laudable, to meditate upon the incarnation of the Lord upon any day in the year, it cannot be in the power of men's superstitions to render such a mediation improper for to-day. Regarding not the day [of Christmas], let us, nevertheless, give God thanks for the gift of His dear Son. ... the incarnate God is all my hope and trust. I have seen the world's religion at the fountain head [The great whore - Babylon the great (Revelation 17:1; 17:5; 19:2)], and my heart has sickened within me; I come back to preach, by God's help, yet more earnestly the gospel, the simple gospel of the Son of Man. Jesus, Master, I take thee to be mine for ever! May all in this house, through the rich grace of God, be led to do the same, and may they all be thine, great Son of God, in the day of thine appearing, for Thy love's sake. Amen. — **CHARLES SPURGEON**

Excerpt from *Joy Born At Bethlehem*, December 24th, 1871

DANGER!

“WATCH AND PRAY, THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION:
THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK” (MATTHEW 26:41)

This exhortation of our Saviour is utterly ignored by those who go to hear preachers and teachers of error. No matter how strong the spirit of curiosity may be in us, no matter how urgent the persuasive pleas of friends to accompany them, we cannot count upon God preserving us if we deliberately expose ourselves to what is contrary to His Word. Satan may tell us that we are too well established in the faith to be in any danger of injury, but Christ says, “*Take heed what ye hear...*” (Mark 4:24). And again, God says, “*Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge*” (Proverbs 19:27). It is

at our imminent peril that we disregard these plain warnings. Peter was self-confident and imagined he needed not this faithful word. “*Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation...*” (Mark 14:38), but the sequel proved he had been spared a fearful fall if he heeded it. Remember Peter, then!

The above has been suggested to our mind from reading the following words of John Owen, written about 1680: “How many professors have I known that would plead for their liberty, as they called it. They could hear anything, all sorts of men; they would try all things, whether they come to them in the way of God or no; and on that account would run to hear every broacher [broadcaster] of false opinions; every seducer, though stigmatized by the generality of the saints. I scarce ever knew any come off without a wound; the most have had their faith overthrown; let no man then pretend to fear sin, that doth no fear temptation to it. They are too nearly alike to be separated”. — **A.W. PINK**

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Ah, it is an easy thing to float with the tide of popular opinion; but it takes much grace, diligently sought from God, to swim against it. Yet that is what the heir of Heaven is called on to do: to “*be not conformed to this world*” (Romans 12:2), to deny self, take up the cross, and follow a rejected Christ. How sorely does both writer and reader need to heed that word of the Saviour's, “*Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown*” (Revelation 3:11). O that each of us may be able to truthfully say, “*I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Thy Word*” (Psalm 119:101).

[My] final word is to the *pastors* ... To you the Word of the Lord is, “*be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*” (1 Timothy 4:12). Is it not true that the most corrupt “churches” you know of, where almost every fundamental of the faith is denied, will have their “Christmas celebrations”? Will you imitate them? Are you consistent to protest against unscriptural methods of “raising money”, and then to sanction unscriptural “Christmas services”? Seek grace to firmly but lovingly set God's Truth on this subject before [His] people, and announce that you can have no part in following Pagan, Romish, and Worldly customs. — **A.W. PINK**

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